

Kidston PAC Meeting - Oct. 4, 2022

Attendance - Lara Pollard, Dominic Scolah, Maureen Stein, Kati Olsen, Naki Castillo, Lynn Bragg, Elsa Haug, Debbie Cullum, Simone Runyan, Jeff Stevensen; Guests: Robert Lee, Kelli Sullivan

Meeting began at 7:05pm

1. Review of the Welcome Back Barbecue
 - a. Excellent turn out with long line up for the barbecue
 - b. Bigger barbecues have been offered for next time
 - c. Approx. \$2500 fundraised, though emphasis on this being an event to bring the school community together, not to raise funds

2. DPAC Update - Simone
 - a. Unable to attend the first meeting of the year so Dawn G. attended
 - b. Upcoming election for School Trustees
 - i. The recording of the forum held with Trustee candidates is available on the VTA website as well as the CUPE website and the DPAC Facebook page
 - c. Simone submitted a request to create an Enriched Playground Committee which will appear on the agenda for the next meeting. The goal of this committee would be to collaborate with all relevant parties and look at opportunities to further develop the natural features on the school grounds.

3. Introductions by School Trustee candidate Kelli Sullivan
 - a. Kelli introduced herself and gave a summary of her involvement with the school system as a parent, serving on the PAC at Kidston Elementary and Kalamalka Secondary as president and DPAC representative. She reviewed her work experience as well as her education.

4. School Trustee Update - Robert Lee
 - a. Review of Sept. 21st meeting
 - i. Enrolment in the district has increased overall
 - ii. Beach Radio has introduced "Change Maker", a \$1000 award for a grade 12 student
 - iii. Introduction of Policy 170 - Annual Board Performance Review
 - b. Robert is also running for the Coldstream School Trustee seat as the incumbent; he provided a summary of his work experience as a teacher and principal as well as a preschool owner. He has been a Trustee for the past eight years, including a period as the Chair.

5. Outdoor Learning Committee Update - Simone

- a. The plan is to install five picnic tables in the outdoor classroom, with flat concrete tops and wood benches. Debbie is waiting for confirmation of the shipping price and installation cost.
 - b. There is discussion of this committee dissolving, as the goals that were established with the creation of the committee have now been achieved.
6. Principal Update - Debbie
 - a. Great start to the year with minimal movement of students required between classes
 - b. Two new EAs have started and another EA position is now posted
 - c. Hiring is ongoing for lunch hour supervisors as there are currently three vacant full time positions
 - d. Debbie has requested the engineers report that was done last year to assess the parking around the school, as this is an ongoing issue. In the meantime, parents are encouraged to continue lobbying the district for safer parking spots and walking routes (ie. sidewalks), as well as encourage car pooling, walking, and biking.
 - e. One time funding has been received to support vulnerable population; these funds are very targeted.
7. Book Donations - Naki
 - a. Last year Naki and family donated Tiny Travel books
 - b. Naki is currently looking into more books being ordered to expand this collection in the library
8. Teachers Update - Lynn
 - a. Lynn read a thank you letter from Mr. Beck and Ms. Fehr outlining the use of the funds PAC provided to the library last year.
 - i. A request for the continued financial support from PAC is requested. This funding is in the 2022/2023 budget.
 - b. Inquiry about whether Kidston clothing can be offered once again. Maureen volunteered to connect with Erica M about the company and process used last time.
 - c. With the introduction of the Seesaw program and online portfolios, teachers may request for additional PAC support for digital tools (iPads) depending on what is outlined in the district's tech plan.
 - i. Elsa will inquire about whether the school district will only support Chromebooks and iPads.
9. Budget - Dom
 - a. Review of the proposed 2022/2023 Budget
 - b. Debbie sent a message to the district to inquire about funding that may be available to pay for the Saleema Noon Body Science Program this year, though PAC had previously approved the funding for this in the budget.

- c. Motion made to approve the budget by Dom. Seconded by Jeff and Lynn. Approved.

10. Fundraising

- a. Mel passed along that she has started preparing for the Mom's Pantry fundraiser as well as the holiday wreaths and spring planters through _____
- b. Kati mentioned a fundraiser done at OKL that involved gathering donations and then setting up the gym for students to 'shop' for holiday gifts for their family members. She reports that the kids were very excited about getting gifts that were surprises for their whole families. Kati will inquire to the OKL PAC about the amount of time and effort involved. This could be a grade 7 fundraiser if the grade 7s were willing to take on most of the work.

11. Kidston canopies - Jeff

- a. High quality canopies are available to order that would have the Kidston name and/or logo. They are \$400-550 and come in various sizes. Currently Kidston gets cheap canopies every couple of years. Jeff will pass along the info to Debbie to review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm